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Idaho Milk Production Up 4.8 Percent

Idaho milk production during July 2011 totaled 1.19 billion pounds, a 4.8 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 5.3 percent from June 2011. June milk production was revised to 1.13 million pounds, up 6 million pounds from the preliminary level. Average milk production per cow in July 2011 was 2,050 pounds, up 50 pounds from last year's level. The average number of milk cows during July was 582,000 head, up 13,000 from July 2010, and up 4,000 head from June 2011.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up 0.8 percent from July 2010. June revised production at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 1.3 percent from June 2010. The June revision represented a decrease of 5 million pounds or less than 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,824 pounds for July, 5 pounds below July 2010. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.47 million head, 93,000 head more than July 2010, and 8,000 head more than June 2011.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, July 2010-2011

State	Milk Cows ^{1/}		Milk Per Cow ^{2/}		Milk Production ^{2/}		Change From 2010
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	179	186	1,870	1,885	335	351	4.8
California	1,753	1,775	1,940	2,000	3,401	3,550	4.4
Colorado	119	128	2,050	2,015	244	258	5.7
Florida	115	120	1,530	1,580	176	190	8.0
Idaho	569	582	2,000	2,050	1,138	1,193	4.8
Illinois	101	98	1,575	1,540	159	151	-5.0
Indiana	169	170	1,730	1,695	292	288	-1.4
Iowa	209	200	1,760	1,710	368	342	-7.1
Kansas	120	124	1,760	1,765	211	219	3.8
Michigan	359	367	2,020	1,945	725	714	-1.5
Minnesota	470	471	1,675	1,560	787	735	-6.6
Missouri	100	96	1,190	1,140	119	109	-8.4
New Mexico	324	330	2,095	2,105	679	695	2.4
New York	611	610	1,790	1,790	1,094	1,092	-0.2
Ohio	270	266	1,640	1,560	443	415	-6.3
Oregon	120	123	1,730	1,770	208	218	4.8
Pennsylvania	541	540	1,680	1,630	909	880	-3.2
Texas	415	435	1,775	1,835	737	798	8.3
Utah	85	88	1,860	1,840	158	162	2.5
Vermont	136	134	1,550	1,600	211	214	1.4
Virginia	95	96	1,505	1,440	143	138	-3.5
Washington	252	265	2,030	2,060	512	546	6.6
Wisconsin	1,263	1,264	1,795	1,730	2,267	2,187	-3.5
23 State Total	8,375	8,468	1,829	1,824	15,316	15,445	0.8

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Idaho July Red Meat Production Down 82 Percent from Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for July 2011 totaled 3.1 million pounds, down 82 percent from last year. Accumulated red meat production for the January-July 2011 period totaled 76.0 million pounds, down 35 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.79 billion pounds in July, down 4 percent from the 3.96 billion pounds produced in July 2010. Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was 4 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, down 5 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 1,272 pounds. Veal production totaled 10.1 million pounds, 8 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 73,400 head, down 2 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 244 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.64 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 8.16 million head, down 4 percent from July 2010. The average live weight was down 1 pound from the previous year, at 268 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 10.9 million pounds, was down 15 percent from July 2010. Sheep slaughter totaled 164,900 head, 16 percent below last year. The average live weight was 133 pounds, up 3 pounds from July a year ago. January to July 2011 commercial red meat production was 28.0 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2010. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 9 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States ^{1/}

State	July 2010	June 2011	July 2011	July 2011 as percent of 2010 ^{2/}
	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
California	144.0	152.1	135.2	94
Colorado	178.3	195.3	180.4	101
Idaho	16.9	3.1	3.1	18
Illinois	208.1	218.2	203.1	98
Iowa	496.3	524.5	466.3	94
Kansas	465.7	506.7	443.2	95
Minnesota	216.8	228.2	208.2	96
Montana	1.4	1.4	1.4	97
Nebraska	599.0	622.8	568.7	95
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	154
Oklahoma	90.3	103.2	89.7	99
Oregon	4.5	5.9	5.5	124
South Dakota	72.9	76.0	71.0	97
Texas	434.5	494.5	431.5	99
Utah	38.3	40.5	36.5	95
Washington	73.8	76.5	71.2	96
Wyoming	0.5	0.5	0.5	92
United States	3,955.5	4,218.4	3,793.4	96

1/ Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 3 Percent from Previous Year

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on August 1, 2011 totaled 195,000 head, up 3 percent from the previous year. The cattle on feed inventory is down 9 percent from July 1, 2011. Placements of cattle in feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 24,000 head, down 29 percent from July 2010 placements. Marketings of cattle from feedlots with 1,000 head or more during July totaled 41,000 head, down 2,000 head from a year ago. Other disappearance totaled 3,000 head during July.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.6 million head on August 1, 2011. The inventory was 8 percent above August 1, 2010. This is the third highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during July totaled 2.15 million, 22 percent above 2010. This is the highest placement total for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 2.09 million head. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 625,000, 600-699 pounds were 405,000, 700-799 pounds were 498,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 625,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.91 million, slightly above 2010. This is the second lowest fed cattle marketings for the month of July since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 67,000 during July, 40 percent above 2010.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots¹

State	August 1, 2010	July 1, 2011	August 1, 2011		
			Number	As % of 2010	As % of July
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	248	287	289	117	101
California	435	470	480	110	102
Colorado	890	1,000	970	109	97
Idaho	190	215	195	103	91
Iowa	560	590	560	100	95
Kansas	2,040	2,030	2,180	107	107
Nebraska	1,960	2,020	1,980	101	98
Oklahoma	335	350	360	107	103
South Dakota	200	210	195	98	93
Texas	2,520	2,700	2,860	113	106
Washington	163	197	190	117	96
Other States	339	379	367	108	97
United States	9,880	10,448	10,626	108	102

¹ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Cold Storage Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on July 31, 2011, totaled 715 million pounds, an 18 percent decrease from June 30, 2011, and down 14 percent from July 31, 2010. Other frozen potatoes, at 205 million pounds, decreased 7 percent from June stocks and declined 10 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on July 31, 2011, totaled 188 million pounds, down 1 percent from the end of the previous month and down 3 percent from July 31, 2010. Stocks of American cheese totaled 649 million pounds, up 5 percent from June 30, 2011 and up 1 percent from last year.

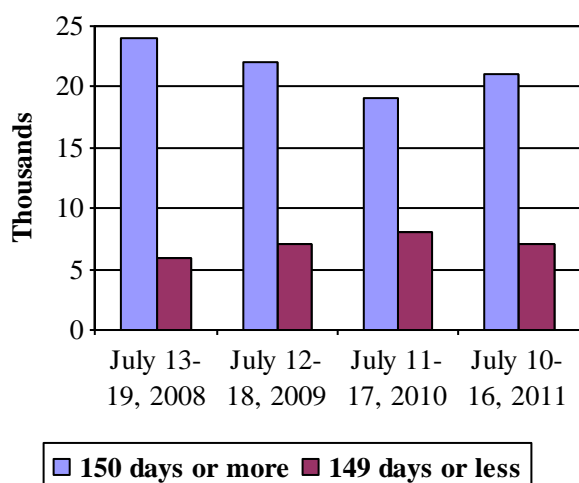
Commodity	July 31, 2010	June 30, 2011	July 31, 2011	2011 2010
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
FROZEN POTATOES				
French Fries	836,047	866,965	715,137	86
Other Frozen	227,900	220,707	204,634	90
TOTAL	1,063,947	1,087,672	919,771	86
DAIRY				
Butter	193,506	190,310	187,740	97
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	639,525	617,666	648,555	101

July Farm Labor

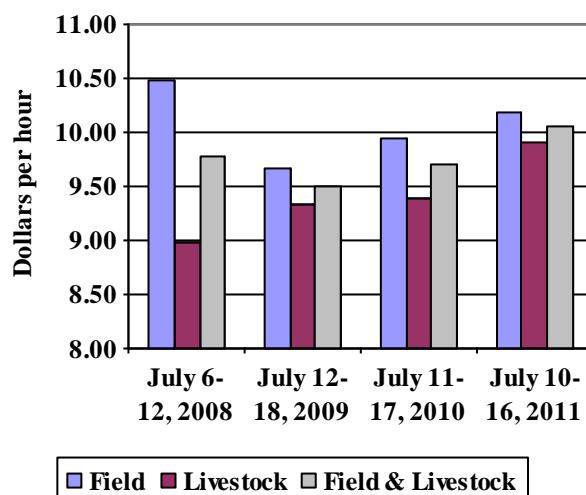
For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 28,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of July 10-16, 2011. Hired workers worked an average of 44.5 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$10.25 per hour.

There were 1,186,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 10-16, 2011, down 5 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 836,000 were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 350,000 workers. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$10.90 per hour during the July 2011 reference week, up 11 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.24 per hour, up 15 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$10.28 per hour compared with \$10.15 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.25 per hour, was up 14 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 41.3 for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

**Workers on Farms
Mountain Region 1/**



**Wage Rates by Type of Worker
Mountain Region 1/**



1/ Idaho, Montana, Wyoming